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Diane M. Couchman, RN, MBA, CNOR

Diane Couchman is currently the vice president of clinical services/CNO at Calvert Memorial Hospital. She has 28 years of experience in health care, including materials management, nursing and leadership positions. Prior to her current position at Calvert, she was the director of surgical services for six years.

Couchman received her MBA from the University of Baltimore, her BA from Brown University, and her nursing degree from Howard Community College. She is also a registered nurse first assistant and a certified operating room nurse. Prior to coming to Calvert in 2006, she headed up surgical services at Howard County General Hospital and Anne Arundel Medical Center.

Couchman, a certified personal trainer, also volunteers with Calvert Hospice and the Episcopal Diocese of Baltimore as a camp nurse.

Leigh Ann Eagle

Leigh Ann Eagle is the Director of the Health & Wellness Program at MAC, Inc., an area agency on aging that serves the four lower Eastern Shore counties. Ms. Eagle is responsible for all aspects of program design and management for the MAC, Inc. Health & Wellness Center, including public and private grants management. In addition, she directs the Living Well Center of Excellence, Project Living Well Eastern Shore, and is a member of regional planning groups on Chronic Disease. She created the Mid Shore Coalition for Chronic Disease, & has joined the DHMH Community Navigation Network, the Network for Health Care of the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, and has managed a wide range of federal, state, and private foundation grants. MAC Inc., under Leigh Ann's leadership, is connecting healthcare organizations with aging and community resources to coordinate evidence-based programs of care. She is a Master Trainer for the CDSMP and Cancer Living Well programs, Stepping On, which is a falls prevention program, and is also certified in Community Navigation and Integrative Cancer Care from Smith Center in Washington DC. Leigh Ann has won service awards for her work with the Maryland Chapter of American Trauma Society and Susan G. Komen of Maryland who provided her with the Daily Record award in 2009 and the Nancy Brinker award in 2010.

Joanne H. Ebner, RN, BSN, TTS

Joanne H. Ebner received her diploma in nursing at Illinois Masonic Medical Center School of Nursing in Chicago, Illinois and completed her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at College of Notre Dame of Maryland. Her nursing practice began in the Chicago area in Orthopedics and Home Health Nursing. Relocation to the Annapolis area brought her to Anne Arundel Medical Center where she worked in Medical-Surgical and Oncology Nursing. A move to Virginia resulted in a turning point in her career where she worked with the Department of Federal Occupational Health, a division of the U.S. Public Health Service where she earned certification in Occupational Health Nursing. After returning to Annapolis, she served as Department Head of Occupational Health Services, Infection Control Officer and assisted with Health Promotion/Disease Prevention activities at the U.S. Naval Academy Medical Clinic. Currently at Anne Arundel Medical Center where she worked for the Employee Health Service and presently as Supervisor of the Cancer Prevention Program//Nicotine Dependence Program.

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Lucinda England, MD, MSPH

Dr. Lucinda England completed her pediatrics training at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, and her preventive medicine training at University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. She did post-doctoral training in perinatal epidemiology at the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. She completed CDC training as an EIS officer and has been at the CDC's since 2003. Her research interests at the CDC include electronic cigarette use and health effects in vulnerable populations, the effects of smoking and nicotine on pregnancy, and tobacco industry strategies to influence scientific research. She is a medical advisor for the Tips from Former Smokers campaign and is a writer for the Surgeon General's reports on smoking.

Elizabeth M. Jaffee, MD

Dr. Jaffee is an internationally recognized expert in cancer immunology with specific expertise in the pre-clinical and early clinical development of immunotherapies for breast and pancreatic cancers. She has developed novel vaccine approaches for the treatment of pancreatic and breast cancers and new methodologies for identifying vaccine induced T cell and antibody targets.

Dr. Jaffee serves as the Director of the Skip Viragh Pancreatic Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins, as Co-Director of the Gastrointestinal Cancers Program, and Associate Director for Translational Science in the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins. She established and directs the Johns Hopkins Oncology Center Cell Processing and Gene Therapy cGMP Facility and is a Deputy Director for the Institute for Translational and Clinical Research Johns Hopkins.

Dr. Jaffee has served on numerous national committees as an immunotherapy and translational research expert. Dr. Jaffee is a member of AACR's Board of Directors, and serves on the National Cancer Advisory Board.

Stuart Martin, PhD

Dr Martin received his Ph.D. from the University of California-San Diego in Biomedical Sciences, a program that combined molecular cell biology with pharmacology and physiology. As a graduate student with Dr. Jerry Olefsky, he focused on insulin-stimulated rearrangement of the actin cytoskeleton, and demonstrated that PI3-Kinase was sufficient to induce actin membrane ruffling and stress fiber breakdown. After graduating in 1998, he moved to Dr. Phil Leder's lab at Harvard Medical School to study how cell shape and the actin cytoskeleton can influence cell survival. His postdoctoral training allowed him to combine functional genomic tissue culture systems with mouse models of breast cancer. In 2004, he joined the Department of Physiology as an Assistant Professor.

Philip Nivatpumin, MD

Dr. Philip Nivatpumin is both the Medical Director of the Kaufman Cancer Center and the Medical Director of Population Health at the University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health. He graduated from Brown University with a degree in Biology. He completed his MD at the University of California, Los Angeles. He went on to his internship, residency and chief residency in internal medicine at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, where he subsequently completed his fellowship in hematology and oncology. A practitioner of yoga, martial arts and mindfulness based stress reduction, he is also very interested in preventive medicine, nutrition and the social determinants of health and well being.

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Shana O. Ntiri, MD, MPH

Dr. Shana O. Ntiri is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Maryland, School of Medicine and the Medical Director for the Baltimore City Cancer Program of the University of Maryland Greenebaum Cancer Center.

She divides her time between direct patient care, community-based cancer prevention efforts and research. Her research interests include health disparities, particularly in relation to cancer prevention. She is currently a Scholar in the Paul Calabresi Clinical Oncology Training Program at the University of Maryland Greenebaum Cancer Center, her research focuses on the impact of community-based breast cancer screening initiatives upon health outcomes for urban, underserved patient populations.

Karen Poisker, MSN, MBA, NEA-BC

Karen Poisker has spent her entire career at Peninsula Regional Medical Center. She became the Vice President for Population Health Management in July 2014. Prior to that Karen served as the VP for Continuum Services for two years and as the Vice President for Patient Care Services/Chief Nursing Officer for twenty years. Ms. Poisker began her healthcare career as a staff nurse in the Special Care and Intensive Care Units at Peninsula Regional in 1975 and has held a number of positions prior to rising to the level of the Vice Presidential positions. She holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Wilmington College, Wilmington, Delaware; Master of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Maryland School Of Nursing; and a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the University of MD School of Nursing and a diploma from the Peninsula General Hospital School of Nursing, Salisbury, Maryland. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, the Maryland Organization of Nurse Executives, and the American Organization of Nurse Executives and the American College of Health Care Executives.

Joshua M. Sharfstein, MD

Dr. Joshua M. Sharfstein was appointed by Governor Martin O'Malley as Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in January 2011.

In March 2009, President Obama appointed Dr. Sharfstein to serve as the Principal Deputy Commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the agency's second highest-ranking position. He served as the Acting Commissioner from March 2009 through May 2009 and as Principal Deputy Commissioner through January 2011.

From December 2005 through March 2009, Dr. Sharfstein served as the Commissioner of Health for the City of Baltimore, Maryland. In this position, he led efforts to expand literacy efforts in pediatric primary care, facilitate the transition to Medicare Part D for disabled adults, engage college students in public health activities, increase influenza vaccination of healthcare workers, and expand access to effective treatment for opioid addiction. Under his leadership, the Baltimore Health Department and its affiliated agencies have won multiple national awards for innovative programs, and in 2008, Dr. Sharfstein was named Public Official of the Year by Governing Magazine.

From July 2001 to December 2005, Dr. Sharfstein served as minority professional staff of the Government Reform Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives for Congressman Henry A. Waxman. Dr. Sharfstein is a 1991 graduate of Harvard College, a 1996 graduate of Harvard Medical School, a 1999 graduate of the combined residency program in pediatrics at Boston Children's Hospital and Boston Medical Center, and a 2001 graduate of the fellowship in general pediatrics at the Boston University School of Medicine.

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Antoinette Solnik, RN, BSN

Antoinette Solnik, RN, BSN, is a Cancer Nurse Navigator for Gynecologic Oncology at Sibley's Center for Advanced Gynecologic Surgery as well as a Cancer Nurse Navigator in Urology with the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center.

The very heart of nurse navigation is personalized care. Ms. Solnik works as an extension of Sibley physicians caring for gynecology oncology and urologic oncology patients to provide additional support for extensive treatment plans. She acts as the coordinator, educator and advocate from the time these patients are diagnosed through their surgery and future treatments such as chemotherapy or radiation. Often times her clinical expertise and training provides important guidance to patients and their caregivers so that they may make informed decisions on proceeding with next steps in their care or end of life issues. Collaborating with the Johns Hopkins multidisciplinary team, she is able to allow for timely cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment, and increased supportive care across the cancer continuum.

Ms. Solnik is received her Bachelor of Science degree from Georgetown University and Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Washington. She is a member of the Academy of Oncology Nurse Navigators.